

For the Farmers' Vindicator.

BACHELORS.

While Miss Tabitha has been lamenting the home spun period, from which even the freedmen are exempt, Miss Bessie, perhaps, has felt sure that in the present Grange movement, now so popular, the feminine representation there has received a mutual and enlightened interchange, which is permanent, and which amply compensates practically, pleasantly and pecuniarily, for Miss Tabitha's grievous privation, and for dismissal of loom and such things from woman's career and performance. If Miss Bessie is a Granger, and she doubtless is, she feels willing to challenge investigation on this question. It may reasonably be surmised, she is calculating to fall back for defense upon the chivalry of her brother Grangers, even to vindicate the privilege of abuse. "Like favorites that advance their pride against the power that bred it," making a severe test of gallantry, which is unwarrantable. While Miss Tabitha respects bachelors, Miss Bessie, for the same reason detests and anathematizes them. Here their territories dovetail. Bachelors haven't many apologists, but they are an independent folk. They evidently appropriate the flattering unctious which the world accords, and which is conveyed in the tribute of a selection of their condition. If they, in their questionings ever feel the insufficiency of this panacea, where will "Duke Humphrey unfold his grief." Bachelor fare may be grudging. The crippled chair, spoutless urn, solitary spoon, are the indices that a bachelor is yet master of the situation. Gray locks, grizzled physiognomies, are not to be deplored. The bachelor is lord of all he surveys. If Miss Bessie was free from the charge of begging the question, she cannot claim to have promulgated any thing new or startling. There can be no classification made which will include generic specimens or species of bachelors. They are as different, essentially, the one from the other, as are the influences which decide their destiny. It might perhaps be an interesting issue, to subject to a crucible how near many married men come to being bachelors, and if so, whose fault would it have been? It cannot be denied, in the face of facts, that oft-times a burden of indigent relatives, at the auspicious moment, have become the mountain that turned a man's face away from the hopeful prospect, and led his destiny down the solitary path which would never have been his election. Bachelorhood is not always self-inflicted. Perhaps the father of his country narrowly escaped it. Certain it is, that he was the life-long debtor for much good and valuable intercourse to one who was a bachelor, not from lack of purpose, or energy, or industry, but from conspicuous inconstancy in woman. President Tyler was a confirmed bachelor when he became possessed of an attachment for the woman he made his wife, which lasted the residue of his life. Of some it can be said, their works follow them. So, bachelors need not be without cheer. But Miss Bessie should be consistent. If they are so despicable, she should never have joined the Grange, for they gravitate toward Granges, and "evil communications corrupt, etc." That new subscriber she is counting upon may yet drift into bachelorhood, and what will become of her and her security? This is a Kaleidoscope of a world. A brilliant array of elements startle us with beauty and fascination. Just jostle it and you would not know the creature. Miss B. invites the condemnation of one of her choicest conferees, who declares "all abuse vulgar," and likens that proclivity to the action of a cook, who in the absence of all merit in her viands seeks to make it up by much spicing. There is something humiliating to both sides in the concession which the master delineator puts into the character of a bachelor, while it calls for a charity we cannot refuse. Because I will not do them the wrong to mistrust any, I will do myself the right to trust none, and the fine is (for which I may go the finer), I will live

A BACHELOR.

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We should sometimes pause to look back on the landscape behind us, to see its colors softening with the veil of distance—to recall "the tender grace of a day that is dead." There is a great and subtle charm in retrospect. Pleasures are remembered without the accompanying drawbacks, pain has lost much of its sting, and scenes and circumstances long past are often far more clearly apprehended than at the time when we took part in them as actors or spectators.

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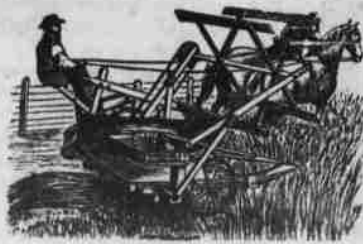
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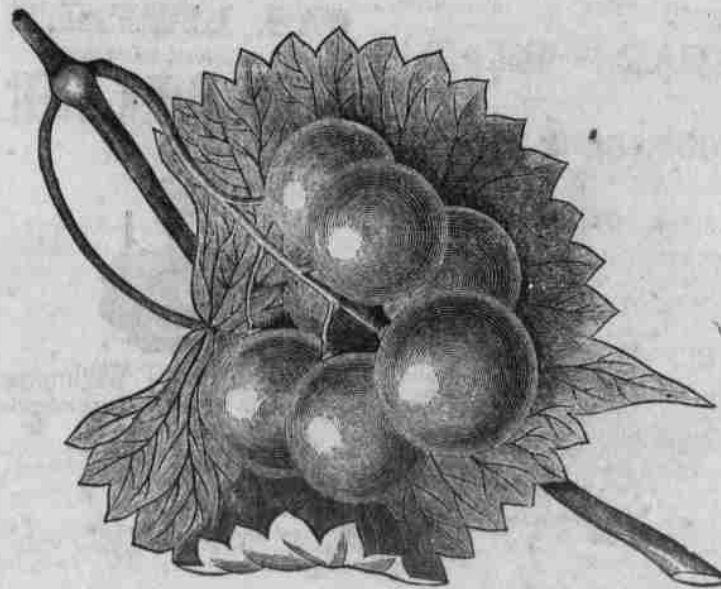
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